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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S STATEMENT OF JULY 21, 1976 (SALT TWO-10  
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THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON  
AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF JULY 21, 1976.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON  
JULY 21, 1976

MR. MINISTER:

I

TODAY I WANT TO DISCUSS THE OBLIGATIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (B)  
OF ARTICLE IX IN WHICH EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST,  
OR DEPLOY CERTAIN SYSTEMS.

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AS YOU RECALL, IN THAT SUBPARAGRAPH BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST, OR DEPLOY BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF RANGES IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS FOR INSTALLATION ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES. HOWEVER, THE SIDES ARE NOT AGREED AS TO WHETHER SUBPARAGRAPH (B) SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A BAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, OR DEPLOYMENT OF LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH MISSILES. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH LAUNCHERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE BAN, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT LAUNCHERS RATHER THAN MISSILES WOULD BE THE UNIQUE ELEMENT IN SUCH A SYSTEM. THERE ALREADY EXIST BALLISTIC MISSILES, PARTICULARLY SLBMS, WHICH COULD, WITH PERHAPS ONLY SLIGHT MODIFICATION, BE ADAPTED FOR USE ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES WOTHER THAN SUBMARINES. ON THE OTHER HAND, LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH MISSILES DO NOT NOW EXIST ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES, AND WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING BEFORE THEY COULD BE DEPLOYED.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF ARTICLE IX SHOULD PROHIBIT THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, OR DEPLOYMENT OF BOTH BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF RANGES IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES, AND THE LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH MISSILES.

### III

TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF AMBIGUITY OR MISUNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROVISIONS, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSED THAT IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS BAN IS NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT THE CURRENT PRACTICES ON EITHER SIDE OF TRANSPORTING BALLISTIC MISSILES ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES, WHICH MISSILES ARE NOT CAPABLE OF BEING LAUNCHED FROM SUCH WATERBORNE VEHICLES.

### IV

MR. MINISTER, TODAY I HAVE EXPLAINED FURTHER THE RATIONALE FOR THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL FOR INCLUDING LAUNCHERS IN THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF ARTICLE IX. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE SOVIET VIEWS ON THIS MATTER. JOHNSON

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